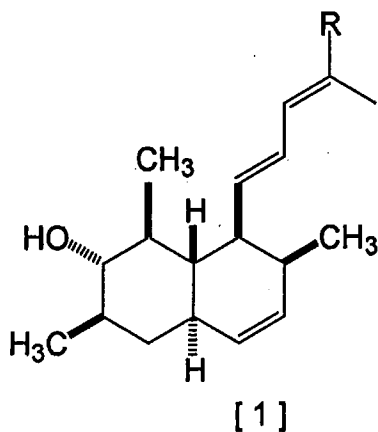


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all previous claims, and listings of claims, in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) An octahydronaphthalene compound represented by the following formula (1):



wherein R represents carboxy, hydroxymethyl, alkoxymethyl, alkoxycarbonyl, or
-CONR¹R²;

R¹ and R² are the same or different and each represents an alkyl group and

wherein said alkyl group may be substituted by

1) 2-pyridyl;

2) 3-pyridyl; or

3) 4-pyridyl,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Previously Presented) The octahydronaphthalene compound according to claim 1, which is N-(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-(2E,4E)-5-[(1S,2S,4aR,6R,7S,8S,8aS)-7-hydroxy-2,6,8-trimethyl-1,2,4a,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydronaphthalen-1-yl]-2-methylpenta-2,4-dienamide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition, which comprises the octahydronaphthalene compound according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

4 – 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method for treating ~~inflammatory diseases,~~
~~rheumatoid arthritis~~ or a cancer chosen from the group consisting of lung, prostate, pancreas and fibrosarcoma, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the octahydronaphthalene compound according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

17. (Withdrawn) A method for suppressing ICAM-1 expression, immunization or cell growth, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the octahydronaphthalene compound according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

18. (New, Withdrawn) A method for treating inflammatory diseases and rheumatoid arthritis which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the octahydronaphthalene compound according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.